

## Downloading Photos From My Camera to iPhoto On My Mac

You have to import your photos and movies into your Mac first, which brings us to this lesson: Connect your camera or camcorder to your Mac.

Although many cameras can be connected to your computer without installing any software, check the documentation that came with your camera to see what your model requires; some manufacturers require or recommend that you install software to get the full benefits from your camera.

iPhoto makes it easy to download from your camera's to your hard drive.

1. Make sure you have the latest iPhoto and OS X updates installed by checking your Software Update preferences.
2. Connect your camera to your Mac using the USB cable that came with your camera. **Note:** If your Mac has [an SD card slot](#) and your camera uses a compatible SD card, you can simply insert the card into your Mac instead of connecting the camera via a USB cable (then skip to step 4).
3. Turn on your camera. If your camera needs to be set to a certain mode to transfer photos, do so now but check your camera manual if you're not sure how.
4. Open iPhoto, if it does not open automatically.
5. iPhoto displays your camera or the name you gave your media card in the devices list of the iPhoto sidebar.
6. Type a name for your group of photos in the Event Name field, such as "Vacation to Beach" or "U3A Photos."
7. Click **Import Selected** to only import selected photos from your camera, **or click Import All** to import all photos from your camera. iPhoto will import pictures and movies from your camera.
8. When prompted, click Delete Photos to delete them from your camera or SD card. Or, click Keep Photos to keep them on your cameras or SD card.
9. To disconnect the camera or SD card when finished, click the eject button next to the camera icon in the devices list. When the camera or card disappears from the list, you can safely disconnect it.

Your Camera  
Identification

Click to import  
your photos

